

Weekly Column for December 27, 2007

Happy New Year! Consider this a few days in advance, but the next time I write, it will be 2008, and I will officially be a second-term Mayor. Where does the time go?

Tomorrow is an exciting day for both the City of Troy and myself. First up, we'll tackle the City. Tomorrow evening is the final 2007 Troy Night Out. It seems impossible that just 11 months ago we stood in City Hall and announced that we would be partnering with merchants to bring about a monthly event showcasing downtown Troy. To say it has been a success would be the understatement of 2007.

Each month has brought different experiences and learning curves, but one thing is certain- 2008 will have 12 more events, with the organizers and the City looking to improve each and every time out.

As we were figuring out when to take the oath of office several weeks ago, it mad great sense that we would do it as a participant of Troy Night Out. With that in mind, at 6 p.m. Friday evening, in front of Monument Square, I will take the oath of office for the fourth time in my life as an elected official in Troy.

New York State Court of Claims Judge Mary Donohue, a Troy resident, has agreed to officiate the swearing-in. We are expecting several other officials from both sides of the political aisle. I am just excited to have them in Troy on a Friday night and show everyone what is happening.

I believe my second term in office will be a vitally important one for the City of Troy. There are several issues that we must focus on, must improve upon, and must act on in order to keep this great momentum we have.

We would love to see everyone downtown tomorrow, but understand that it is a busy weekend. Stay safe, happy holidays, and again- Happy New Year!

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